Summer's Here!

Hurrah!

middle school good times

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SO MANY MEMORIES

by c. newton

So many memories
Left inside of you
The tears we'ver cried
The fights we had
Our start of our lives
And the choices we made
Were affected by you.
The beginning of the world
That lay in front of our eyes.
We took for granted
The trust that lies in you.
You are the one precious thing
That will never die.
Middle School.

WRITE UP OUR ALLEY

Six eighth graders visited Western Michigan University May 13 where they met , talked with and learned from some already-published authors.

Josh Hall, Josh Frazier, Ryan Thyfault, Matt Zinkil, Ramsey Beyer and Merry Roberts chose afternoon sessions in journalism from a Gazette writer, poetry writing tips from Terry Wooten, a published poet whose poetry can be serious or humorous.. or both, and Miriam Bat-Ami, a Western professor who has published several books .

While they enjoyed the day, they did feel a bit rushed as they raced around Sangren Hall and then to the cafeteria in Bigelow Hall , next to the Student Union, and back to Sangren. Still, it was quite an experience for them and their teacher Mrs. Swanson.

QUICK! WHO'S MR.ROY?

by b. hite

Mr. Roy began as a substitute teacher in PPMS and has become the ISS teacher this year. Here is his interview.

He likes all types of music, but would have to say that country music is his favorite. "George Strait being his favorite singer." He's going to see him in Detroit in concert June 5.

Paw Paw Schools, according to Mr. Roy, are great. Having gone to this school system himself, he thinks it is great to be able to have the opportunity to work with all the teachers who taught him. (And says he. " that was no easy task, I might add.") We are lucky at PPMS, he thinks, to have so many teachers who care about students.

When asked if he liked Metallica, he said, "I like their old stuff a lot better than their new material. I do have to be in the right mood for that kind of music though."

Mr. Roy left PPHS and went to UNLV, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, to play football and to go to college. While there, he earned two degrees. The first is a bachelor's in P.E., health ed and driver's ed and the second was a master's in athletic administration.

He has no pets at this time but he did have a pet snake once .

For the most part he doesn't play too many sports these days. He

does enjoy watching and coaching though. He currently coaches college basketball at Kalamazoo College and he coached football in the fall at PPHS.

His favorite holiday is April Fool's day "Without a doubt", he says. "I'm a fool like that." So look out the trick may be on you.

Just like the Ninja Turtles, he loves pizza as his favorite food and of course, his favorite tv show was "Coach.

500 CLUB NEWEST MEMBERS

News members to the 500 Club include Joe Motter, 540, Zane Shilts, 537, Lee Lorenz, 507, Alan Rhoderick, 501 and Brandon Francis, 500.

Highest pointer in 8th grade were Joe Motter and Cara Garland, 410. 7th graders were Zane Shilts and Nicole Surdy, 383.

CAM DULIN WINS AMERICA & ME ESSAY CONTEST for PPMS

Cam Dulin's essay placed first for our school with Kate Bogen and Amanda Sumner as second and third place winners. Cam's essay proceeded to the state level to compete with thousands of eighth graders statewide.

SUMMER by k. hover

Staying out in the sun
Going barefoot
Having fun
Being with friends.

Swimming in lakes
Walking in the sand
Baking cakes

Getting a tan.
Parties
Camping
No tardies
Sleeping in.

Staying up late
Warm wind.
Working at eight
Summer is fun!

2003 CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN

Jennie Swintz, Lacy :LaViolette, Carrie Shaeffer, Beth Simpson, Emily Peacock, Miranda Kalisiak, Nicole Boucher, and Gina Barkovich were chosen as freshmen cheerleaders for the fall season 99.
Congrats!

PPMS MATH TEAM WINS 2nd

The team of sixth, seventh and eighth graders took home a second place trophy from the Southwest Michigan College Math Meet two weeks ago.

The sixth graders placed first among all sixth graders (24 schools participated). The team included Scott Abshagen, Adam Carey, Jared Neterer, MEgan Schultz, Megan Thyfault and Caitlin Zolp.

Seventh graders involved were Julie Baltmanis, Kaitlynn Gokey, Tricia Kannegieter, Rachel Krefman, Matt Mayuiers and Matt Peshl; they won the third place trophy for their grade level.

Eight grade team members were Nick Culp, Joe Motter, Kim Van Sickle, Phil Weaver and Steve Fleckenstein; they took a second and third place in two of the four categories to contribute to the overall second place win for Paw Paw .

SECRETS by c. newton

Secrets can on;y be hidden within the mind,
But have you ever wondered what lies
Beyond the secret?
The secret whirls around in your head
Soon escapes to the outer world.
It enters another mind and
Makes its way around
Again.
The secret i s now known to all creation.
Loses its name and becomes a
Rumor.

VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

A major concern of everyone in any school is the shootings that Littleton and now Atlanta had.

Eighth graders addressed the subject in essays last month. The following are some of their thoughts.

Brandi Figg wrote "The shooting in Littleton was a tragedy. Some people blame it on ethnic or racial or popularity issues. Outcasts! Anti -social freaks. These are just some of the names the teenage gunmen were called."It all began with the jocks and the higher-ranked kids," says a friend of Eric Harris."They always sweemd to cut them down. And it could have been jealousy." It is still an inexcusable assault.

This couldn't have been easily prevented with only a security guard. Maybe more security around the building and possibly metal detectors would have helped. If we are living in a society where we have to check our children for weapons, then so be it. If some precaustions aren't taken, the massacre will become endless. Things like popularity, money, race, status, which drove Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold to murder their classmates could be also what causes more such situations around the country.

There is a 99.9% chance this could happen again. (this was written before Atlanta..ironically.) Threats have already been made all around the nation.

Something must be done. It is absolutely necessary that we take all threats seriously. While discrimination and lack of popularity may be the major causes, we ourselves have to put a stop to it. "

Brian Johnson wrote, "I think we need to stop making fun of people. Some people can't take a joke. I admit I have made fun of countless people in my life time. Just yesterday, we were throwing stuff at a kid on my bus, then he started to cry and mumbled about everyone hating him and wanting to kill himself. I felt really awful after that."
"When you make fun of poor, unpopular or foreign kids, you run the risk of really hurting their feelings. Sometimes people call poor people "Scrubs".It is mean. Racial comments can really hurt someone's feelings also.

Violence won't just go away. Something needs to be done. It could however occur less frequently if we all just followed one motto. 'Trust others like you want to be treated.'"

Katie Stamm wrote. "I believe the shootings are caused by kids who have no conscience or morals. Kids that are taught good morals and respect don't do things like that."

"A lot of people seem to blame the problems on the guns. I think that too is a wrong assumption. Guns don;t kill those people; mentally ill kids murdered them. If you say the guns killed them, it's like saying that matches cause arson."

"I've been raised around guns and I even own a gun. That doesn't mean I am going to take a gun and shoot anybody."

"I think that if the parents had taught good morals to their kids and paid attention to them they could have gotten the kids away from the troublesome path and helped to prevent this horrible tragedy."

Kelly Hover said," People can get really depressed sometimes. They take their problems out on others and it sometimes can affect that person for their whole life. ..."

"A suicide mission happened in Littleton last week and it gave the idea that there are people out there maybe in your own town who can shoot someone because they are depressed or have many problems. If someone hears a threat they should report it to someone fast. Even if someone thinks that a person is kidding, then she/he should talk to someone. Everyone has the right to live and everyone should speal up or there will be no to speak up for them."

People kill because they think it's going to make everything better, but it doesn't. It makes everything worse. ..."

Finally all students agreed that it couldn't hurt if , as Kelly wrote, "if anything is suspicious and someone is saying odd or horrible things, tell someone. It will help a lot and it could save many lives."

TRACK SEASON BREAKS 2 RECORDS... great season!!
by j. motter

We had an excellent track season this year, even breaking two records.

The old record for the 1600 meter relay was 4:09. This year Alan Rhoderick, Nick Culp, Joe Motter and Lee Lorenz broke that record with a time of 4:01, placing lst in their heat and 3rd overall.

Paw Paw placed lst overall in the Bucking Bronco's jump (high jump) with Cara Arrans jumping 4'4", Jimmy Whitmer jumping 4'10" and Joe Motter jumping 5'2".

The other record broken was not at WMU; it was at Loy Norrix. Alan Rhoderick, Josh Hauck, John Burns, and Joe Motter broke the 3200 meter relay with a time of 10:14, six seconds faster than the old record of 10:20.

It was a great season with a lot of victories. Thanks Mrs. Colegrove and Mrs. Larson for coaching us.

BEST-LOOKING? BEST EYES? DO WE NEED TO SURVEY? by jessikha hauck

Asked if middle schools should have surveys on best-looking and best all-around etc, most of the 7th graders polled said no. They felt that it would go to the most popular and that it leads to problems.

Still, a few 7th graders also said, "Yeah we should have it."

TRASHY HABITS by ramsey beyer

Were all middle schools raised like animals? It seems like it if you walk into the lunchroom after one of the noisy, crowded lunch sessions. Trash, squished food and broken sporks can be found scattered about on the floors and on tables. What happened to good ol'-fashioned manners?

I mean, I"m a kid too. I wouldn't be complaining except for the fact that we're forced to clean up after them. (8th graders are the last lunch.)

I know they mean well, but when the lunch ladies or aides ask us to pick up our trash under the table leftover from the 7th graders, I'm not all too willing. But I do it anyway because I still have manners.

Just remember, all you 6th and 7th graders, YOU're going to be the ones picking up after the younger grades .

DOUBLE STANDARDS ..by fran clare

Have you ever thought about the double standards of the opposite sex?

I mean, girls have to shave their legs and guys don't. I'm sorry but male body hair is not always attractive. Girls have to wear make-up and curl their hair; guys just throw some jel in their hair.

Why is it guys are supposed to ask the girl out or pay for dinner?Guys are still expected to make the first move. These are just a few of the double standards we have to deal with.

DEAR DR. LOVE,

I have a boyfriend who is only going out with me because he's desperate. What should I do?

DEAR DESPERATE,

Well, if you feel that way, find someone else.

DEAR DR.,

Can you go out with two people at the same time?

Wondering

DEAR WON,

IT depends on if you want a serious relationship or not. I wouldn't recommend it.

DEAR DR.

I still like that 7th grade math teacher.

STILL

DEAR STILL,

I think he's out of your reach...

DEAR DR.,

I don't know if I am in love. All I think about is a certain guy. I thnk about him 24/7. Am I?

DEAR AM,

That's a tough one. I can't help much... but ask him out or to go get something to eat.

DEAR DR.,

I like Mr. Martin but he's too old and always gets hit by vans. What should I do?

AMSS

DEAR AMMS,

Stay away from him . Try to get over it. You might get hit too.

DEAR DR.,

I have been going out with a girl fro three months and eight days, 19 hours, and 10 minutes and 23 seconds and I have not held her hand yet. What shall I do? JK

DEAR JK,

Go for it. If she says not, well stop.

BEI UNS SCHMECKT'S GUT!

Huh? The German class visited the Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Grand Rapids last month, after studying food names and menus.

Class members include both the Friday after school class and the 3rd hour Tues/Thursday group: Beth Simpson, Niki Long, Kurt Moss, Ryan Thyfault, Matt Zinkil, Amy Coulson, Carolyn Goodman. Lindsay Fry-Schallhorn, Steve Holloway, Katie Stamm, Shanna Gave, Jay Corey, Jessica Bruemmer, Gina Barkovich, Tony Rife, Jeff Lasinski, Bryan Stull, and John Westbrooks.

Wir haben eine gute Zeit. Es war wunderbar. Viel Spas!

FAREWELL from the CLASS of 2003!

by m. zinkil

With our middle school lives ending. we must look back at the previous two years and our current year.

The sixth grade year we all came into the old building with a sense of nervousness. With changing classes, more homework, and a new sense of responsibility we had to live up to, it was a difficult task. Although difficult, we had many good teachers to help us into middle school life. They showed ys that middle school life wasn't hard but easy.

Sixth grade went by like a blink in life, we headed into seventh for more homework and more responsibility. Being able to play school sports and go to dances, we had more fun. Basketballl and all other sports brought substantial enjoyment to all participants.

Seventh grade left us in a flash as we went to the final destination in our middle school life, eigth grade. A pleasant surprise- less homework. With more work in class and less homework, we delighted in our last year fully. Our annual behind us and our trip tomorrow, we all have looked back and pondered. Amid the humor, sadness, and all other emotions of middle school life, we figure that we are going into high school with an easier transition. The work of the teachers at PPMS has made this possible.

WELCOME. to the FIFTH GRADERS

Here are their prize-winning essays. From Miss Bennett's class is Alex Thompson's essay.

"Middle school will be fun because I will have a locker. I will also have a new school and see my best friends after school. I will go to band. I am happy that I will get to have more friends since we won't see each other all the time. I would also like to join choir because I like my voice and so do some other people. I am really looking forward to middle school."

From Mrs. Palasinski' class comes Chelsey Schuhanec's essay.

"Middle school will be great because I will be a grade older. Sixth grade seems cool to me. I will not be scared at all.

I will like having lockers. You can make them look cool and they are easier to keep clean than desks.

I will miss Cedar Street but I will like middle school. Middle school has a cooler lunches and you have more choices as well. I will like middle school."

From Mrs. Chludzinski's class is Alison Boff's essay.

" Middle school will be fun and exciting. But it has its ups and downs. We will be able to buy pop and choose between salad, pizza and regular lunch.

One fear of mine is that I won't have time enough to get all my stuff and switch to a different class or that my locker will jam and I 'll be in trouble. I'm afraid if I got an in-school suspension. Also what if I can't find the class I have to go to and I get in trouble. But besides all that, I think it will be fun to have lockers and have your own combination to use.

Another thing I am looking forward to see is the Mock Rock. My brother was in it and I think that it looked fun to do. I also think that it would be fun to do gym with the big basketball courts."

From Mrs. Abbott's class comes Lisa Pizarek's essay.

"Middle school will be terrific because of all different classes. I'm guessing you won't get bored in this school. You have math which is fun, social studies which is great, gym - cool, art - exciting, language arts - nice. You even have band or choir. Fantastic.

You get your own locker too. Sweet.Yup, I'm looking forward to sixth grade.

But then, I'm a little nervous . What if I forget my locker combination? And I can't get my locker open and because of that I get a tardy? Then I get a detention... and I get suspended from school. My parents will be mad. And for that my grades will fall because nobody likes to be put down.

But... that's not a good attitude. I'm going to go into the school, remember my combination, open my locker, not be tardy, and not in detention. I'm going to try to be the best sixth grader I can be. Middle school will be terrific because of all the different classes."

Bryan Wray in Mrs. Palmer's class wrote this essay.

Middle school will be fun yet harder. I know that it will be fun because we will be learning new things. But I also know it will be harder because there will be more homework. Also the rules about not getting your homework done includes not just missing recess. If you get lucky, you'll get one more chance...but usually you just get a zero.

Speaking of recess you can wave that good-bye. The closest you'll get to recess is lunch.

Some other things I'm looking forward to is having lockers. At last I won't have somebody else's papers

under my desk at the end of the day. Then I have to pick them up because they're under my desk and not the other person's . Also having first hour, second hour, etc., will be cool. I t just sounds more mature, doesn't it? The thing ?I'm looking forward to most though has to be the pizza bar. "

Jon Sauser wrote from MRs. Van Kirk's room.

" I am a little worried about the middle school. People have told me lots of things about the middle school. People have told me it's fun. They have also told me you get a lot of homework. Is it true?

He told me you had remember all the capitals of a country. I hope it isn't true. I probably will do good. I think middle school will be fun."

See you at Sugar Bear, essay writers, and see you all in the fall here.

STAFF SURVEY....MEMORIES, MOMENTS, and MISCELLANEOUS on the CLASS of 2003.

Ms. Cowin will miss...Alan Rhoderick asking," Where do these papers go?" Andrew DRagevich and Tony Smith..."Really." Adam Hines saying," Hey, Ms. Cowin." Memories that stand out include having both her kids in the same building two years ago. .. and knowing many of these kids since the first grade.

Mr. Martin said, " These students took great pride in their work and worked hard. They knew how to have fun and still behave."

Ms. Brown said she'll miss their sense of humor Her best memories include," packing and moving...getting lots of new stuff."

Mr. Niles says, " I'm sorry but like the mother duck who has ducklings in the court yard every year I just go on the year after year with the next bunch."

Mr. Pefley appreciates" all the students who have helped me as receptionists in the Guidance Office after our move to the new building. Each was mature and trustworthy as an assistant here."

Mrs. Kalisiak says, " I don't like to look back and miss part of life so I'm excited for what lies ahead for these students. I do recall cooking with them and listening to them and watching them grow up over the last three years."

Mr. Edinger 's best memory is "the mega move and squeezing everyone into the Lilliputian rooms." He says this class was a very friendly group that is easy to get along with in the classroom."

Mrs. Kolon misses the "fun we had in language arts classes." She remembers going to the Gazette and the Museum in Kalamazoo and Gary W. at the bookstore.

Mrs. Pasman recalls "Paul Bauer's oral read-along session in my lit class, listening to Philip Cruz sing a solo at the mid-winter concert and watching curious minds investigate the flow of sticky lava in the lab."

Mr. Ruesink said," This eighth grade has made obvious effort to set an example of maturity. It's been fascinating to watch 'out of control' kids become quiet , thoughtful and classy."

Mr. Topp will miss" thier fun-loving attitudes." Mr. Kannegieter remembers " the leadership that surfaced during 'the move'."

Mrs. Swanson recalls the fun of moving into a new room and how helpful all the kids were... they've grown into a cohesive group of ninth graders. Best memories include "planting Paw Paw trees outside the windows on the east wing....watching the film 7th hour while having pizza, Aaron's king snake and his role in their skit, puppet shows, catsup car crashes, the debuts of the Clare, Beyer, Roberts, Tapper, Sumner films, jury trials with Tim, Matt, Ryan etc... lit projects and the eternal, "Can I check my e-mail?"

Mr. Barnhouse mentioned the class being one of the best-behaving student bodies he's encountered as an administrator and he has enjoyed the relationship with them and will miss them a great deal. "They started out rocky in the 6th grade and have matured greatly.... I know they will do well in the future."

One comment that wraps this up perfectly from an anonymous source is "Go forth and make us proud, young seedlings."

THE EIGHTH GRADE SURVEYED.. WHAT WILL YOU MIISS MOST ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Overwhelmingly the answer was , "The teachers,"as Stacie Wood said. Jennie Swintz agreed with her saying, "All my fav. teachers, especially Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. Pasman." Cara Garland will miss " Mr. Topp, and his humor, Ms. Cowin because she taught in a fun way , Ms. Brown because she really knows her stuff and Mrs. Arch because she does her best to make kids understand."

Tony Char (who?) will miss "Mr. Bill Zolp and , tripping over seventh graders." Shanna Gave will miss " the teachers, mostly Mrs. Pasman, Mrs. Swanson , Mr. Ruesink and both Mrs. Smiths."

Joe Motter too will the teaching staff and "most of all the middle school sports programs." Frances Clare will miss counting the cars that go past in Mr. Edinger's class during channel one." Sara Conner will miss "Mrs. Pasman and Mrs. Swanson."

Brandon Holt will miss "D.S. and his favorite sleeping spot in Ms. Brown's room." Jessica Berner will miss " picking on Mr. Topp." Kyle Oisten will miss "D.S." Tiffany Davis will miss " my teachers. I love my teachers."

Aaron Mollitor will miss "Mrs. Archambault." Sarah Zygadlo will miss "the ducks." Chuck Bloomfield will miss " the high quality roof and the air conditioner." Kurt aka Mossyroo Moss will miss "writing gruesome stories." Niki Long will miss the "hot tar smell."

Merry Roberts will miss " the fun teachers. Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. Swanson, Mr. Ruesink, and Mrs. Pasman...." Amanda Houghton will miss " Topp, Brown, Cowin and Arch and ruling the school as 8th graders."

Katie Tapper will miss " Mrs. Swanson for being cool and giving Merry and Me numerous chances, Mrs. Smith for being a friend, Mrs. Pasman for treating students like equals, and Mr. Zolp and Mr. Edinger for being good teachers."

Lisa Dusseljee will miss " all my teachers that believed in me."

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE 6th and 7th GRADERS?

Merry Roberts says, "Don't get obsessed with your hair and makeup and clothes...because they stop you from living a real life....Don't get caught up in cliques."

Kim Van Sickle says, "If you don't understand Mr. Zolp, it's only because he talks in circles and is extremely square."(a geometry reference.) Kris Jutzi says," Try listening to music while you work." Tim Taylor reminds you ,"It's Mr. Edinger... like a bear...grrrr.." Cara Arrans suggests ,"Be nice to Mr. Topp." Kate Arnold says, "Join band as a clarinet."

Phil Weaver thinks you should "Read Rifles for Watie; Jeff Bussey is awesome." Tammy Hood,"Don't get in trouble unless you want to go to ISS." Jenna Surdy advises, " Don't blow off and work on getting your homework done."

Josh Pyard and Derek Danca suggest,"wearing shorts under break-aways." Gina Barkovich says,"Keep your feet off the cafeteria chairs." Carolyn Goodman says, "Always, always do extra credit ..especially in Mr. Edinger's room. Be nice to the office ladies."

AS IF YOU WERE WRITING A WILL, WHAT WOULD YOU LEAVE TO WHOM AND WHY?

Katie Stamm would leave "my good taste in music and my good joke books to Mrs. Edinger and my voice to Mrs. Swanson for 7th hour. I'd leave my clean record of no detentions to Billy Stoughton."

Michelle Zerbi would leave "my locker full of Hansen pictures for everyone to enjoy." Amy Coulson would leave "my cow paper to Emily because she likes cows." Rachel McDaniel would leave " my locker mirror to Will Betts cause he needs to comb his hair." Alan Rhoderick would leave "my woman skills and my good looks to Matt Peshl so he can get some women."

Mike Brownell leaves" my picture to Dominic because you know why. Joe Culp gets my locker because it's, well,..... and Matt Peshl gets my protective paper roll cause I have a feeling he is going to need it." April Goodrich leaves" my locker to Alexis D. because she is just a cool sixth grader and I would love to be her big sister."

Tonya Altizer leaves "Mrs. Swanson some elevator shoes." Matt Kilts says, "Ricky Allen you run hard. You will finish a two mile in under ten minutes." Lindsey Fry leaves" my track abilities to Jennifer Southern ...they may come in handy next year."

Maria Coles leaves" Taylor Wallace and Chris Nagel my locker ...they deserve the best." Kelly Veley leaves " everything to my mom, Ms. Cowin." Tim Van Horn would leave to Ryan Roger my locker and everything in it."

Tyler Fevig leaves" my pruple tele tubbie to my sister Kayli for no reason." Shawna Mount leaves "my good sense of humor to Jessi Bailly ." Chris Nagel will have two lockers next year since Billy Bussema also left his to him.

Amy Pickens leaves all "her pictures of us together to Kristen Van Loon and Rosy Owsiany." Alma Solis leaves " my personality and my locker to my sister Ana." Steve Salefske leaves "my muscle-bound body to Kiel Reidenbach who'll need it in the future."

Elizabeth Burns leaves " my locker to my sister Pam but she better not expect to find my notes and homework there... I had suffer through the work- so should she." Steve Holloway leaves " all my pix of Jennifer Love Hewitt, Katie Holmes and Britney Spears to Josh."

Ryan Thyfault leaves " the scroll of untold wonders upon which I scrawled all my lifetime aspirations and goals.... to my blood relative, sister and compatriot, Meg E. Thyfault." Tim Stewart leaves" all the gum on Ms. Gronda's band chairs." Zach Tucker leaves " John Westbrooks my cd's and Mr. Edinger some cough drops."

Miranda Kalisiak says to Mrs. M and Mrs. Swanson " I will miss you " because they have been there for me. Shane Kline leaves his "four-wheeler to Matt Bush." Tony Rife leaves "my guitar to Mr. Zolp."

Justin O'Flynn leaves " Mr. Edinger a picture of the Civil War, Mrs. Arch, a diet coke. Mr. Topp, a pair of boxing gloves, Mrs. Pasman, a giant U.S. flag and Mrs. Swanson my longest journal." Joe Motter leaves " my shoes to Derrik Mitchell just because he's cool. And my borken calculator to Luke Gumper to get his name in the paper."

Shann Gave leaves" my 98 degrees poster to myself, my books to Mr. Edinger and the water bottles on the top to Danielle Small."

Josh Hauck leaves " my locker to Jessikha Hauck." Lisa Dusseljee leaves her locker to "Krista Champion".

Aaron Mollitor leaves " my bass amp to Fred Siegel and my guitar amp to Tom Henley."

KAtie Tapper "my overwhelming coolness to my cousin A.M." Allie Starbuck leaves "my alien pencil to Niki Long because she would keep my friend company."

FONDEST MEMORIES OF PPMS

Kurt Moss will recall"Mr. Edinger's awesome jokes." Kelly Veley will remember sharing a school with my mom and my brother in 6th grade." Amanda Houghton recalls" the band room where the trumpets are being sabotaged by the clarinets. and Ms. Gronda." Brandi Figg recalls " in Mrs. S's 7th hr, everything funny usually happened then and in there... comedy to emotions."

Jessica Bruemmer fondly recalls " doing labs with MRs. Pasman and being crammed in between lockers." Erin Hamilton says, "At the old school I had a really tiny locker and a really big kid in the locker next to me so everyday was a struggle." Ramsey recalls "science labs with Fran, the D.S."throwing the pin games".. there's ton's of stuff."

Christine Cashen recalls "field trips for school and the teachers teaching us with hands- on experiments." Desiree Kern recalls "talking to the coolest teachers in the world." Steve Fleckenstein recalls " the desks in Mr. Zolp's old room that tipped over." Wendy Weston recalls

the "parties in 6th hour ." Chrystal Golland recalls" bus rides to and from the TRack meets." Alexis Dellacosta remembers "activity night..hint hint." Courtney Kuntz remembers "the ducks and the move to the new school." Colby Anderson remembers " the new gym and weightlifting room." Robby Jack recalls" a three-pointer he made at the student/staff basketball game." Jim Whitmer recalls," Mr. Topp's room. He made class fun." Casey HEntchel recalls" my 7th grade snow fest." Paul Bearss recalls,"being in Mrs. Swanson's class." Kyle Kridler mentioned "Mr. Edinger's jokes."

Greg Ampey recalls "big enough lockers and moving in January." Tiffany Davis recalls" history class with Ms. Brown, She's number one." Aaron Haynes recalls, "Mr. Topp's D.S. Class." Josh Frazier's reply was unique:" I've forced all those (fond) memories out of my brain."

FUNNIEST MEMORIES...at PPMS

Robert Wheatley saw " people get lost on the first day we got in the school." Amanda Sumner says," singing a book report in front of my whole class....arguments between sections of the band... hitting my head on Mr. Martin's old board in 7th gr." Ryan Rife said, "teachers who would crack jokes." Nichelle Brooks thought it was funny when" Ryan Rife moved a metal wire near the amplifier in MRs. Swanson's room and it made a REALLY LOUD noise...and she really yelled at him."

Beth Simpson has memories but says they're about friends and private. Leslie King recalls "7th grade in Mr. Topp's room." Andrew Dragicevich recalls" last year's social studies.." Carrie Shaeffer says," last year Beth Simpson had cake and I told her the blueberry icing smelled like berries so she went to smell it and I smashed it into her face."

Nicole Boucher thought "Ashley Sparks being hyper" was pretty funny. Brandie Nash thought it was funny when she hit Justin O'Flynn and they had to hold hands and walk around the gym .. when I got to my locker everyone was cheering,...guess ya had to be there."

Lacy LaViolette thought "the tapes that Mary, Ramsey, Katie Fran etc. did...of their little show." Ramsey Beyer mentioned" Fran's broken nose..hehe." Shana Heuser recalls " how the desks would topple over in Mr. Zolp's room when you put your books on them."

Lots of people recalled the same few incidents of humor...As Jenna Surdy, Emily Merz, Kelly Veley, and Alan Rhoderick all mentioned...."When Brian Evans pulled Julie Abnet's chiar out from under her and when she sat, she fell on the cafeteria floor. The whole cafeteria was laughing,."

Julie Abnet recalls "Brian looking at Jenna Surdy and running into the lunchroom chairs." Jenna Surdy however says Brian was looking at Ashley Sparks when he ran into the chairs... (unless these are two different occasions and Brian's run into a lot of chairs!)

Ashley Sparks on the other hand recalls as did Paul Bearss (and a few others) "when Derek Danca lost his pants. in gym." Joe Motter also recalls a similar incident.. with Justin O'Flynn as the victim. "Justin was doing the long jump and he unsnapped his tear-

aways running down the track... he had nothing on but his Scooby-Doo boxers!" (LOTS of people recalled that.. including Justin himself.)

And of course no one could fail to recall those Edinger jokes as Michelle Zerbi did.

SAYING GOOD-BYE by rachel krefman

The world was once a beautiful place,
Birds chirped
Cats meowed,
But then on one fateful day
That all changed.

Suddenly there were clouds covering up the lovely sky,
No longer did birds chirp or sing,
For you, my friend, were there no more.

The trees swayed mournfully,
The flowers seemed to shudder,
And I shut myself off to the world.

Nobody could console me.
I felt as if I would never be happy again.
Then came the day you would finally be put to rest.
You looked so peaceful
And even after all that had happened
I had to smile when I saw your face.

Then they came.
The raindrops falling down my cheeks.
I couldn't help it.

Even though I had known I would be upset
I hadn't ever been able to imagine I would feel this way.

I was mad at myself for letting this happen
You of all people don't deserve this.
I wanted to leave, but at the same time I wanted to stay with you.
I watched as you got blurrier through my tears
Until I could see you no more.

As I left,
I couldn't help but think
What is the world coming to?
How can somebody innocent be hurt so horribly?
When will wars stop?
When will crime end?
Why do people become punished for other people's mistakes?

But of course
There was no answer.
Nobody will ever have an answer to my questions.
They are thoughts that no human being could possibly understand
And I wonder if even God knows.

So good-bye,
I will never forget the good times we shared,
The laughter, the tears.
I will also never forget you
You will always be alive
Heart and soul,
Because you will be in my memory forever.

Dedicated to those lost over the years!

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